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1. **VENEZUELA: Oil strike reported spreading**--US Ambassador Donnelly in Caracas reports that the oil strike in Venezuela is spreading, and that the government may soon take positive action to control any violence which may occur. The Ambassador also reports that an abortive attempt by 60 to 80 armed civilians to seize the airforce base Boca del Rio, near Maracay, resulted in the wounding of two army officers and the death of one attacker.

(CIA Comment: CIA believes that the Venezuelan Government will be able to control strike violence and provide adequate protection for oil installations.)

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